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In response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 4, 2006, and

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further to the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.